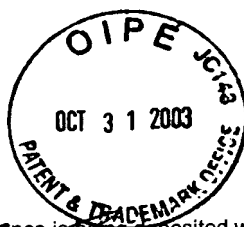


Docket No.: A-3741



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

By: _____ Date: October 29, 2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 10/657,315
Applicant : Volker Müller et al.
Filed : September 8, 2003
Art Unit : to be assigned
Examiner : to be assigned

Docket No. : A-3741
Customer No.: 24131

LETTER

Hon. Commissioner for Patents,
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The above-mentioned new patent application was filed on September 8, 2003 without a signed oath or declaration, under the provision of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).

In accordance with the above-mentioned rule, enclosed herewith is the original signed declaration.

The undersigned hereby states that the application filed in the Patent and Trademark Office is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the declaration. MPEP 602 (8th ed., Aug. 2001).

The fee required for the late filing of an oath or declaration in the amount of \$130.00 is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

For Applicants

/mjb
Date: October 29, 2003
Lerner and Greenberg, P.A.
Post Office Box 2480
Hollywood, FL 33022-2480
Tel: (954) 925-1100
Fax: (954) 925-1101

RALPH E. LOCHER
REG. NO. 41,947

11/04/2003 WABDELRI 00000093 10657315

01 FC:1051 130.00 OP